

## CATHOLICS FOR ABSTINENCE

**A GREAT TEMPERANCE ARMY.**

CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS STAND  
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER.

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SILVER JUBILEE OF THE CATHOLIC TOTAL AB-  
STINENCE UNION BEGUN—MONSIGNOR SATOLLI  
CELEBRATES THE MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL.

DRAL—A SERMON BY ARCHBISHOP RYAN  
—PRESIDENT CLEARY SPEAKS ON  
THE SALOONS—A GREAT MASS-  
MEETING IN CARNEGIE HALL,  
WITH THE MAYOR AND THE  
PRESIDENTS OF TWO CITY  
DEPARTMENTS, AND THE  
ARCHBISHOP AMONG  
THE SPEAKERS.

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Cath-  
olic Total Abstinence Union of America was for-  
mally opened in Columbus Hall, in West Sixtieth  
st., yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. At the last  
annual meeting, held in St. Paul, it was decided to  
hold the session of the present year in New-York,  
and unusual preparations were made because the  
silver jubilee was to be celebrated. Throughout

the entire day the Committee on Credentials was busily engaged in an upper room connected with the hall receiving delegations, so that by this morning it is anticipated that fully 1,200 delegates from all parts of the United States will be present, representing 364 societies and a total membership of more than 65,000.

**THE SERMON BY ARCHBISHOP RYAN.**

Almost immediately after organization, the convention was adjourned, and the delegates, forming in procession, marched to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where solemn Pontifical mass was celebrated by the Apostolic Delegate, Monsignor Satolli, as

**MONSIGNOR SATOLLI**

assisted by clergymen from widely separated localities, the sermon being preached by Archbishop J. Ryan, of Philadelphia.

At the close of the mass, which was of the most impressive character, the delegates went their various ways until time for the afternoon session which had been fixed for 2 o'clock. They were slow in assembling, and it was nearly 3 when Vice-President Logue called them to order. Under suspension of the rules, reports of the officers were made the order of business, and reports which were really addresses were read by President Cleary, Vice-President Logue, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Lake, third vice-president, of St. Louis and Secretary Doyle, of New-York. The continuity of these proceedings was broken in upon by the reading of an important letter from Archbishop Ireland by President Cleary, and the preparation of a cable message to Pope Leo XIII, and of a telegram of respect and gratitude to Archbishop Ireland. The session was adjourned at 6 o'clock, and the delegates were instructed to prepare for the parade which was to serve as preliminary to the mass-meeting held in Carnegie

THE MEETING IN CARNEGIE HALL.

When Mayor Strong was conducted to the stage, a great audience rose in greeting. Behind the long line of soberly attired clergymen and laymen on the stage front there stretched a lengthening and widening vista of human in-

erest. Thus the speakers of the evening were charged with a double responsibility, and it was remarked that only one, Mr. Roosevelt, took account of that which was at his back as well as the larger assembly which filled the chairs and boxes and lost itself in the regions of the topmost gallery before his eyes as he faced the auditorium.

It was an assembly to fire a man to deeds of oratorical daring, one that was almost free from the interest and enthusiasm which it displayed quickly responsive to a telling point, and swift to respond to a respite upon its pardonably partisan bias. Senator O'Sullivan was made to feel this phase of true blue temper when he touched upon debatable ground in the course of his remarks, and the storm of hissed and maligned words from the audience, which greeted him on two occasions showed with what scant ceremony they would deal with the question of Sunday-law enforcement if that issue were

placed in their hands.

**THE MAYOR AND MR. ROOSEVELT ONE.**

That the enforcement of the Excise law popular was exemplified in the greeting extended first to the Mayor, and which threatened to become a permanent feature of the meeting, and afterward to the president of the Police Board.

It was significant, too, and quickly noted by the assembly that the Mayor and President of the Board were more than usually cordial, and that Roosevelt was being generally understood. The parallel will be found in their remarks.

Many kinds of oratory were displayed. There was the brusque man of business as exemplified in the Mayor's pertinent address of welcome offset by the sober impressiveness, but without cheerfulness, of Vicar-General Mooney, in his introduction of the various speakers. There studied enunciation of Senator O'Sullivan was

The sharp contrast to the impulsive utterance of the fiery Roosevelt, who has a fashion of aiming with his finger, revolver fashion, following up the line of aim with a snappy sentence and then waiting the result of the shot, turning slowly meditating to measure every phase the effect. Senator O'Sullivan was clothed a conventional etiquette requires, and sat in the front row among the dignitaries. Mr. Roosevelt, whose name was called, came out from a mysterious somewhere on the stage clad in a business suit, and with left hand in that inevitable trousers pocket went at things with a much precision as though it might end in a reduction to the ranks for somebody.

POWER OF PRESIDENT CLEARY.

The grace of it all was reserved for the man who is the pride and the power of the **Total Abstinence Union**, the Rev. Father Cleary, who with his resonant voice upheld until it searched

every nook and corner, and chased the shadow from some perchance sleepy eyelids, and hand and mind untrammelled by manuscript reference gave freest rein to the topic upon which his life